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SUBJECT: KOREA ISSUE AT UNGA : CO-SPONSORSHIP

REF: STATE 217373 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBOFF CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL TALKING POINTS, AND SPANISH TEXTS OF FRIENDLY AND HOSTILE RESOLUTIONS, TO UNDER-SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS RICARDO CASTANEDA SEPTEMBER 3. CASTANEDA ASKED IF THE EMBASSY HAD ANY NOTIFICATION OF A VISITING SOUTH KOREAN DELEGATION, WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD MIGHT ARRIVE TO PORSELYTIZE SUPPORT. HE WAS TOLD THAT ALTHOUGH THE EMBASSY HAD BEEN INFORMED OF A POSSIBLE VISIT IN JULY - AUGUST (SEOUL 5106) OF A HIGH LEVEL SOUTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC MISSION, NO FURTHER WORD HAD BEEN RECEIVED NOR HAD IT ARRIVED. CASTANEDA SAID THAT THE MINISTRY HAD THE KOREA ISSUE UNDER STUDY. HE PROMISED TO NOTIFY THE EMBASSY OF THE MINISTRY' FINAL DECION RE CONSPONSORSHIP AND/OR SUPPORT.

2. COMMENT:FYI - CASTANEDA WAS FRANK IN EXPRESSING HIS GOVERNMENT'S FATIGUE WITH THE KOREA ISSUE. WHILE REXPRESSING
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HIS GOVERNMENT'S AND HIS OWN SHOCK AT THE RECENT DMZ INCIDENT,

HE SAID THE GOES WAS "SICK AND TIRED" OF BEING CONSTANTLY HARANGUED WITH SOLICITATIONS OF SUPPORT BY BOTH SIDES. HE ADDED THAT PRESIDENT MOLINA, SIMILARLY PIQUED, HAD GIVEN INSTRUCTION NQT HE DID NOT WANT TO HAVE TO RECEIVE FUTURE VISITING KOREAN MISSIONS FROM EITHER SIDE. GIVEN CASTANEDA'S POSITION AND THE FACT THAT THE MINISTER LEAVES MOST DECISIONS OF THIS NATURE TO THE UNDERSECRETARY, ADDITIONAL APPROACHES SOLICITING COSPONSORSHIP AND/OR SUPPORT COULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. END COMMENT. LOZANO UNQTE ROBINSON

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